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## WIRETAPPING LAID TO C.I.A. IN GREECE

Defendant Says Office of  
Premier Was Bugged

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ATHENS, Jan. 25—Defendants at an army conspiracy trial have asserted that the United States Central Intelligence Agency "bugged" the private office of the Greek Premier in June, 1964.

Capt. Panayotis Papageorgopoulos, one of 28 army officers facing charges of high treason, said last night at the court-martial that a bugging device that could listen in on conversations within a range of 300 yards had been discovered in the office of the then Premier, George Papandreou.

The assertion was made as the court-martial began the 10th week of hearings in the case of Aspida (Shield), an allegedly pro-Papandreou army group that plotted to seize political power.

Captain Papageorgopoulos, cross-examining a prosecution witness, Demetrios Vourtsis, an intelligence agent, asked whether the witness had met secretly in his home with two American C.I.A. officers.

### Question Ruled Out

Maj. Gen. Theodoros Kamberis, the presiding judge, barred the question, stating that whenever defendants wish to raise issues involving national security they should ask the court to sit in private.

Later, the accused captain defied the court's injunction and told reporters that the C.I.A., in cooperation with Greek intelligence agents, had bugged the private offices of Greek Cabinet Minister and of the Premier.

As the result of the discovery of the bugging device in Mr. Papandreou's office in June, 1964, the deputy chief of Greek intelligence was ousted.

An assertion by defendants last week that there had been a plot to kill Premier Papandreou by sabotaging a military plane that was to take him to the Island of Corfu on July 10, 1965, was called a "figment of the imagination" today by the Defense Ministry.

The defendants alleged that they had tapped the telephone of a retired senior Greek Air Force officer who had been suspected of spying for the man who was then United States Ambassador in Athens, Gen. William A. Williams. They said that at the last minute the Premier's plans were changed and he took a commercial flight

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